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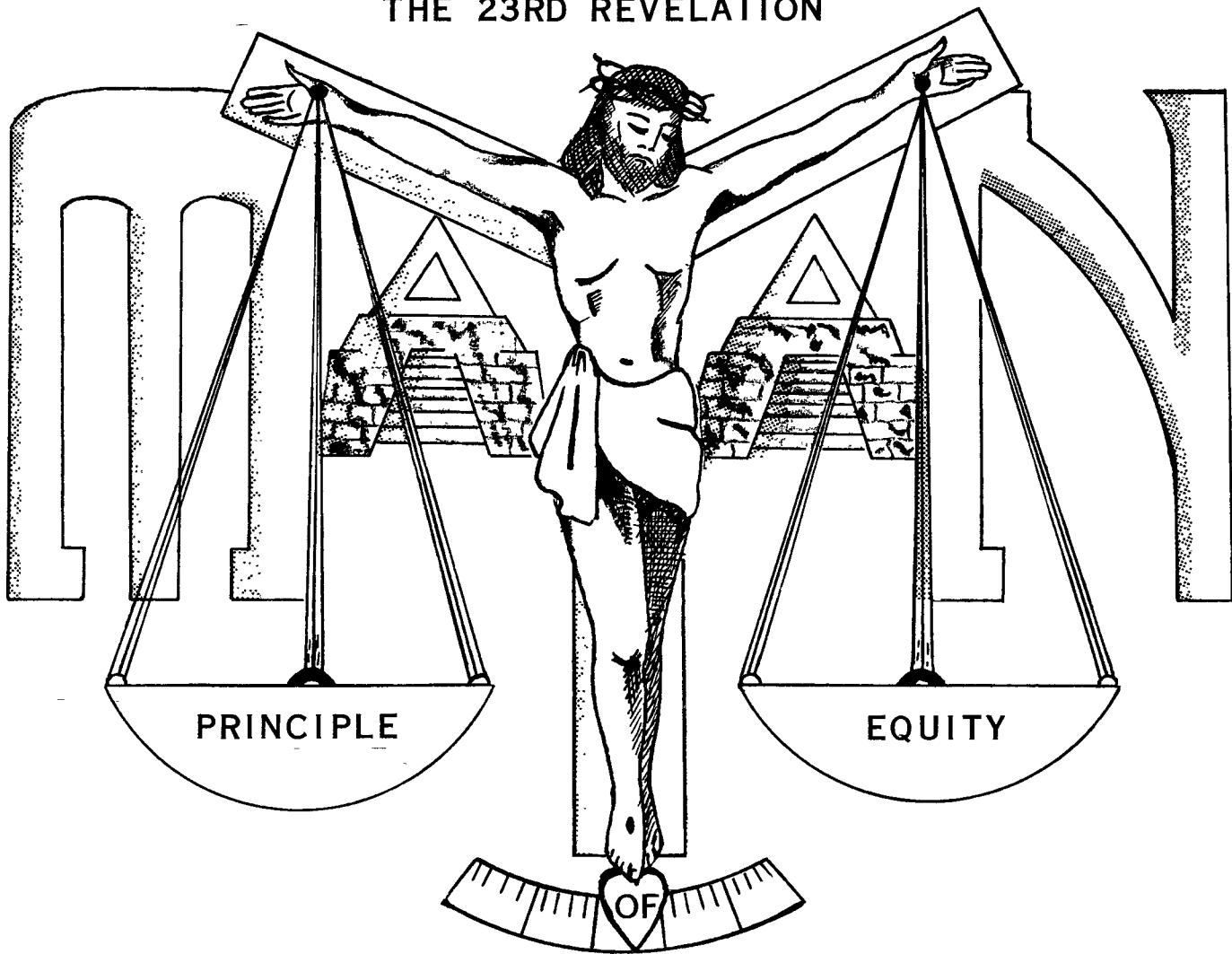
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THE 23RD REVELATION



THE SCALE OF GOOD AND EVIL

THE MAYAN PRINCIPLE OF EQUITY

*B*eloved Companion:

That there may be stored up in Karma great treasures for you in \triangle is our deep and sincere wish.

\triangle By even the very smallest degree of your application to the principles of \triangle in your physical life may you expect rewards to come to you in later life. There is an equilibrium in the midst of life that pays in kind to an exact degree. Its symbol is sometimes the Scales of Justice, sometimes the Cross, sometimes the Litera Pythagorae or the symbol we call the letter Y. Its pivot is the human heart, its pointer the hearts of those about us, and it balances exactly on the scale of "Good and Evil."

Pythagoras proclaimed the Greek letter Υ (upsilon) as representative of giving and recompense. Astrologers before him used Υ for the Zodiacal symbol of

Aries, the beginning, the Spring, the seedtime. The time for planting the seed is followed by the time of growth and the time of harvest when one garners the fruits of that which he has planted. The Romans adopted this symbol to the letter Y and, in this form, often used it for crucifixion, for as the Roman poet Martial says, "This letter appears to exhibit the image of human life."

The symbolized letter of Pythagoras well illustrates the teachings of Karma, the law of Eternal Balance, Equilibrium and Justice. The figure upon it represents MAN in the midst of physical life, a time when he can put into the scale as much or as little of Good or Evil as he chooses and the scales will show the exact amount due him in equity.

The Upsilon, the letter Y, is to be found in several Mayan ruins still standing. Its meaning is Karma, the surety of Justice for you, within you, and about you, through all Creation.

May you therefore persevere, Beloved, and truly master Self in all its manifestations, for by Self-Mastery alone does man conquer. Only by the giving of Self to a cause does man develop and attain to a greater Self-hood of transcendent powers, for knowledge of Self is knowledge of God and His powers verily dwell in thee.

"Self-respect, self-knowledge, self-control --
These three alone lead life to sovereign power."

With the keen, penetrating intuition of the true poet, Tennyson defined in those words the meaning and purpose of Karmic law. In a line, he summed up the inner teachings of mysticism, religion and philosophy.

As our Companion in the Mayan Order, you too, though you may not have defined it as yet, are seeking the way to "sovereign power." For ages man has sought but few have found or appreciated the truth. Many names have been given by wise teachers to the "path of liberation." The wise Gautama Buddha spoke of it as the Aryahata or the Middle Way and of Jesus as the Straight Path or the Narrow Way.

It appears that from the beginning of time, even in those dim ages when the first real men awoke to the sense of personal consciousness, there existed a "Way" out of the sorrow, misery and suffering of purely sentient life. Never has the Supreme Source of all Good denied mankind his Witnesses. Even in those most ancient ages, if we are to believe the records of prehistory as vested in the ancient myths of all people, there existed men of super-human wisdom and spirituality.

Among the Mayans we find Ku-Kul-Khan who, in the remote ages of the past, organized, instructed and guided the people who became the founders of one of the greatest of civilizations; a most mysterious individual, a white man who, in the remote ages of America's legendary past, traveled westward across the great waters and brought culture, learning, occult wisdom, truth and spiritual philosophy, civilization and science to the people of the Yucatan peninsula. After him there have come many witnesses of the Path of Sovereign Power or Spiritual Life: Confucius and Lao-Tze in ancient China; Buddha, Krishna and Shankara in old India; Jesus, Pythagoras, Plato, Plotinus and many others through the ages have taught and instructed mankind the way to eternal peace.

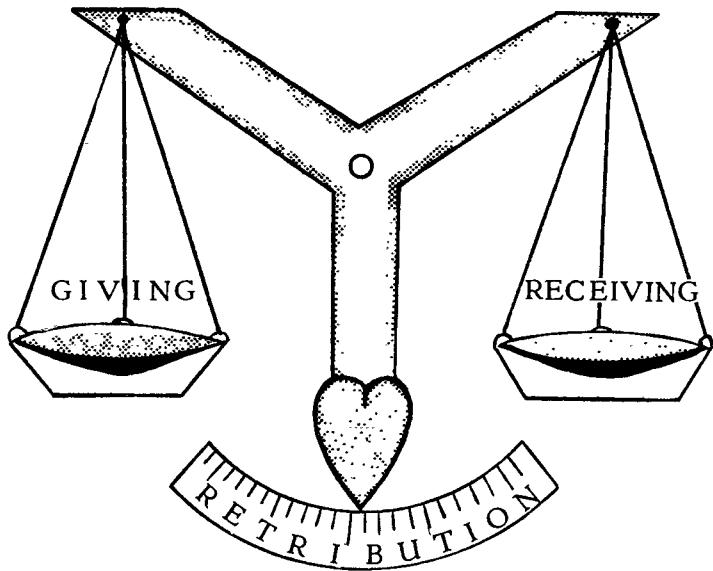
In this lesson we undertake to make a summary of what can be considered as the GRANDEST doctrine of these Messengers of Light. The doctrine which may be summed up in the words of Jesus:

"AS YE SOW, SO SHALL YE REAP."

We have found that the law of Karma, like the pyramid WE are erecting, is a many-sided truth. It is no mere outside Law of the Universe that compels us to live by a certain code of ethics or perish; rather it is the Law of our own Being that determines, WITHOUT PREJUDICE OR MALICE, our just deserts.

Until recent years the word Karma has been somewhat unfamiliar to western ears save in the writings of such a thinker as Ralph Waldo Emerson, America's greatest philosopher.

The word KARMA stands for the most important law of Nature that determines the Evolution, Life and Destiny of the Universe, of Suns, Worlds, Humanity, Nations, Families and Individuals. Nothing can exist without its existence being determined by Karmic Law and no spot in this vast universe or system of universes can escape the sway of its influences.



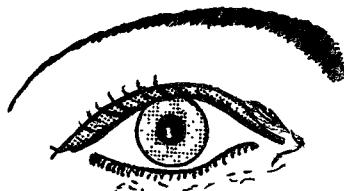
Impersonal, irresistible, embracing and all-comprehensive, the LAW compels through Discipline, Reward and Punishment the evolution of man on the way to the distant peaks of perfection or sovereign power.

As an integral part of the Supreme Architect's plan, it embraces in its vast sweep your physical, mental, moral and spiritual Being.

Applied to human moral existence, Karma becomes the law of ethical causation or justice, reward or punishment. It is therefore the primal cause for your present

birth and for REBIRTH upon this plane of existence in the future. Yet, while compelling punishment for errors or sins committed, it also provides the means whereby the human soul may escape from the Wheel of Physical Life or the Ceaseless Circle of Incarnation.

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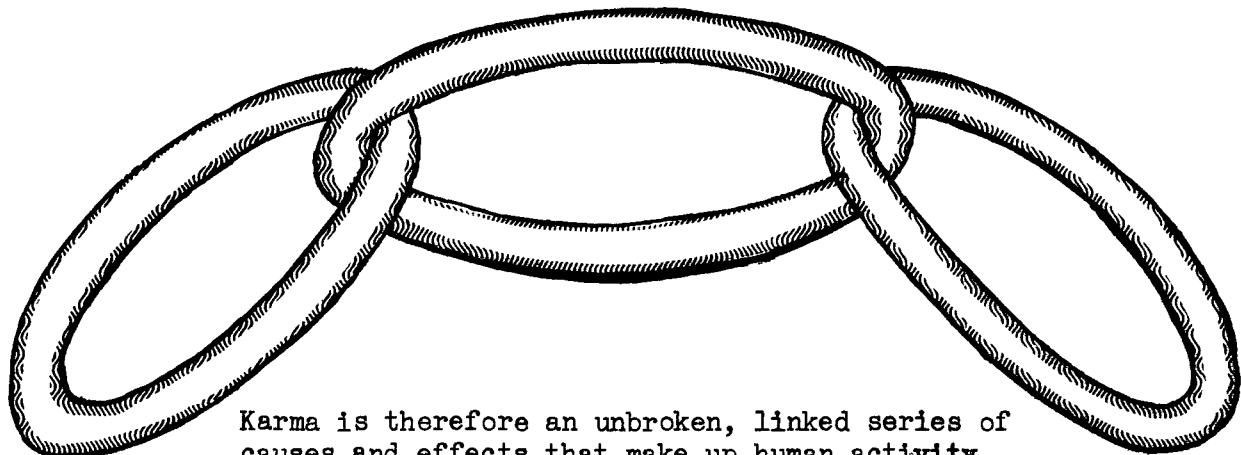
Scientifically, Karma is the law of Cause and Effect or the effect that arises from some cause, action and its reaction or the exact result of every thought and act. The Mayans viewed the Universe as ONE intelligent WHOLE thus taught that all parts of the Universe and the manifested life upon its myriad worlds were as necessary to

the well-being of the WHOLE as are the organs of your body to your personal well-being or health.

Thus, it is in the doctrine of Karma that we find one of the greatest arguments ever advanced in the cause of Universal Peace and civilization, for no nation can live to itself alone.

Humanity represents a closely knit organism wherein one group or nation cannot suffer without sooner or later affecting all groups and nations.

Even as disturbances in health affect the entire body through the blood circulation and the nervous system, so does one nation affect others through the intricate lines of trade, commerce and the exchange of culture or knowledge.



Karma is therefore an unbroken, linked series of causes and effects that make up human activity. No one life is isolated in the Grand Scheme of human evolution. The present life of ours is the child of all the lives preceding it and also the parent of all the lives to come. There can be no chance and no accident in the great design, as EVERY event is linked with SOME preceding cause. Our ignorance of the truth shrouds both vision of past and future and so the events of life do not always SEEM to link up with the past and thus appear "accidental".

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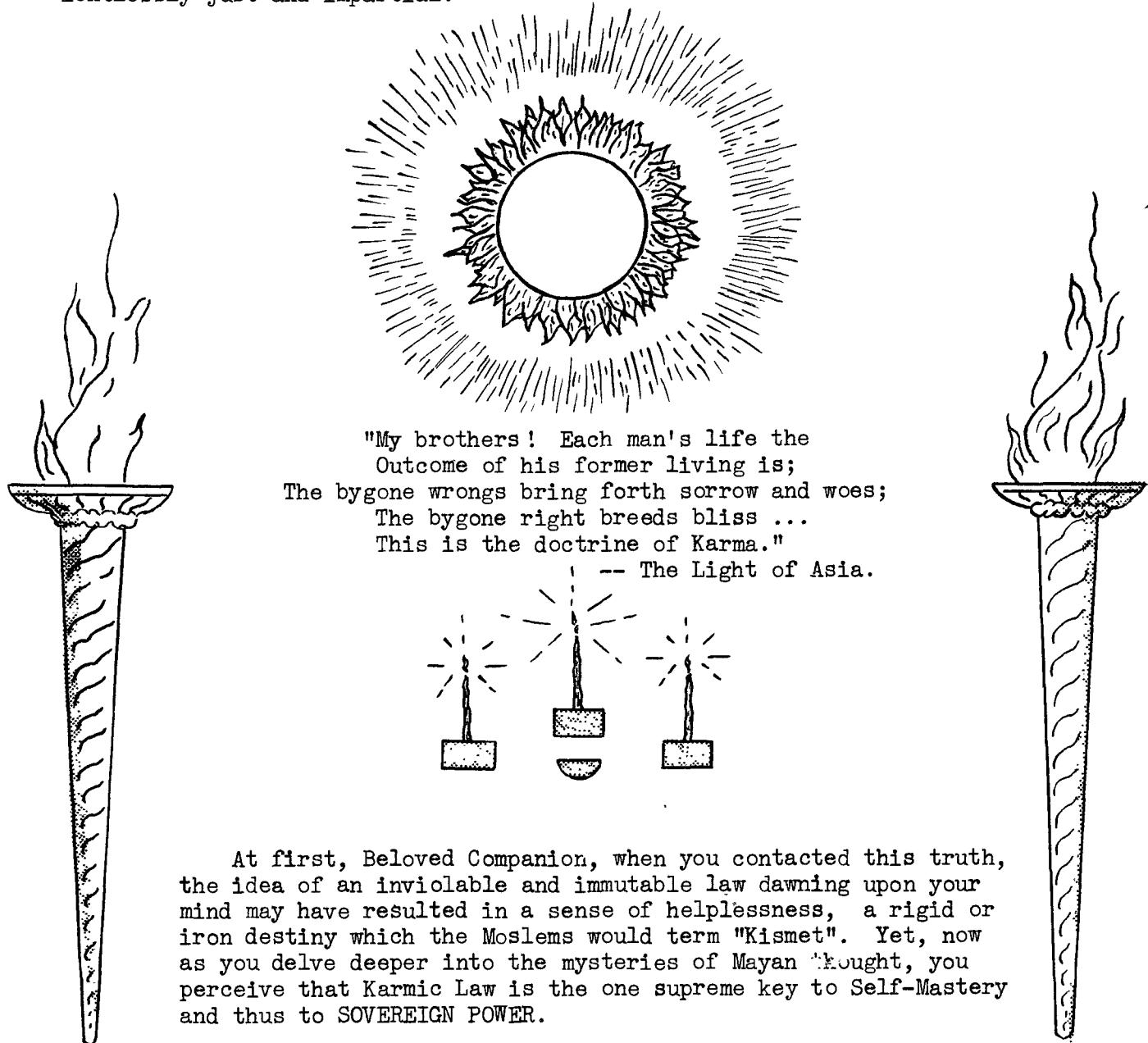
An example of this philosophy of accidents can be found in the study of primitive psychology. The savage, in his ignorance of natural law, tends to regard the varied events of Nature - storms, volcanic eruptions and other physical events as uncaused or perhaps mere caprices of his gods. The belief in miracles is another illustration, for there can be no miracles. What we term "miracles", as performed by wise men and holy men and occultists such as Jesus of Nazareth and Appollonius of Tyana, are only seeming miracles. "There is no miracle. Everything that happens is the result of law - eternal, immutable, ever active."

**"AND GREATER THINGS THAN THESE
SHALL YE DO" SAID JESUS**

You who travel this path in Δ shall see the day when man may again explore the possibilities of his own Soul and discover the "Sovereign Power" that makes apparent miracles possible. Even today, science is on the verge of rediscovering laws of Nature and human psychology that were once known to ancient science but are now lost to the modern world.

Even as the savage believed physical events were uncaused and so lived in dread of the wrath of his gods, there are people living in this twentieth century world who believe that moral and mental events or conditions are uncaused, and so they regard life in terms of "good and bad luck."

The doctrine of Karma denies luck and shows that no accident or chance can really affect human life. Karma, we find, is a most beneficent law; merciful, relentlessly just and impartial.



It is Karma that leaves you free to rise above the conditions of physical life and to master them. Science is possible only because the laws of Nature are not based on chance. Chemistry, the science which treats of the nature and composition of substances and the laws governing their relation, would be impossible if physical substances were always changing or merely existing due to chance. Thus, the chemist, in a "world of chance", blending his substances, might produce ink one day, iodine the next and perhaps some other mixture the next day. But NO! Physical substances are determined by immutable and inviolable law; otherwise, science would be an absurdity - impossible of achievement.

It is the understanding and intelligent use of the powers and fixed laws of Nature that enables man, through scientific methods, to accomplish the varied "miracles" of this modern twentieth century world.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER. SCIENCE IS THE INTELLIGENT USE OF POWER.

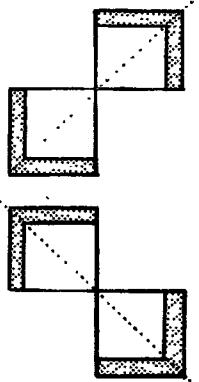
The ignorant stumble on and run afoul of laws, - natural, moral and man-made, while the man of knowledge walks forward and foresees, adjusts and prevents, thus mastering his destiny. Man becomes master of his destiny only when he realizes the immutability or universality of law - that he cannot harm others without eventually harming himself, that he cannot be really happy when others are unhappy, that the good he does brings a thousandfold in return.

"Be not deceived; God (Karmic Law) is not mocked:
For whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap."
-- Saint Paul.

Thus, when properly applied and understood, the law of Karmic or Mayan Justice becomes an inspiration to right living, an uplifting power that brings Beauty, Joy and Peace into the lives of those who live by its eternal code.

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Karma is not fatalism, not fixed, rigid or formulated destiny from which escape is impossible. No act which you perform is without a thought as its root, either at the time of the act or leading up to it. All thoughts become part and parcel of what the ancients termed Mañas - MIND. From this Sanskrit word the names MAYAN and MAN are derived, for man is only man when he has a mind. Every thought that has passed through your mind has left its impression and a train of thoughts eventually result in producing a moral, mental or physical habit which may be good or bad.



These mental tendencies may be long remembered or they may sink below the level of human consciousness into the sub-conscious mind but they do not disappear. Rather, they become the mainsprings behind your inherent character and so determine your attitudes or actions toward life. Even the slightest impression ever made upon the mind is not lost.

Recent experiments in hypnotism show that even slight impressions can be recalled from the sub-conscious depths of the human mind. Thus, no impression, thought or tendency of action is ever lost. Rather, they remain latent

in the sub-conscious mind; therefore, think good thoughts. Form that habit.

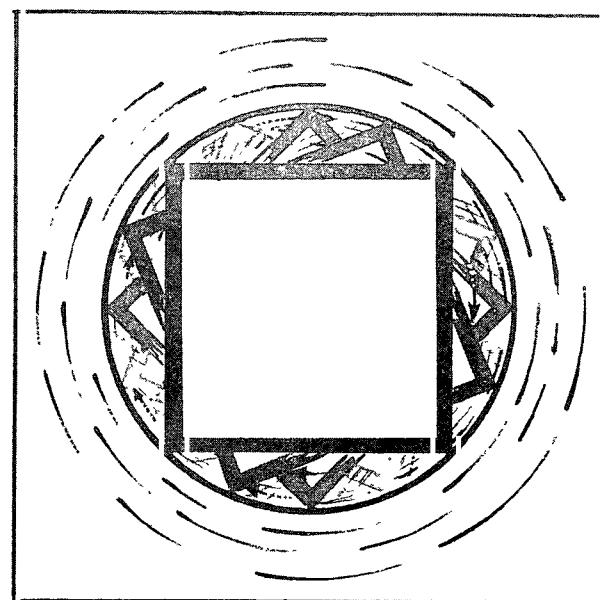
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William Q. Judge, eminent writer on occult philosophy who died in 1896, illustrates the possible Karmic influence of wrong thought during a previous life. This seems to be the only theory that can justify "the cross" that some souls bear throughout their physical lives. When such an afflicted soul is of a sweet character, that much more sure may he be of the completeness of his retribution and that much more sure may he be of future complete happiness. Mr. Judge says:

"Take, for instance, the case of a child born humpbacked and very short; the head sunk between the shoulders, the arms long, and legs curtailed. Why is this? His Karma for thoughts and acts in a prior life.

"He reviled, persecuted or otherwise injured a deformed person so persistently or violently as to imprint in his own immortal mind the deformed picture of his victim; for in proportion to the intensity of his thought will be the intensity and depth of the picture.

"It is exactly similar to the exposure of the sensitive photographic plate; just as the exposure is long or short, the impression in the plate is weak or deep. So this thinker and actor - the Ego - coming again to Rebirth, carries with his this picture, and if the family to which he is attracted for birth has similar physical tendencies in its stream, the mental picture causes the newly formed astral body (the proto-type etheric form on which the physical body is moulded) to assume a deformed shape by electrical and magnetic osmosis through the mother of the child.



Three Score and Ten

The Wheel of Life
Turns and Turns Again
And Each REBIRTH is A
NEW OPPORTUNITY

"As all beings on earth are indissolubly joined together, the misshapen child is the Karma of the parents also; an exact consequence for similar acts and thoughts on their part in other lives. Here is an exactitude of justice which no other theory will furnish."

Yes, my Companion, this thought is startling - but think about it with an open mind. Compare this law with all the known laws of physics, of mechanics, of dynamics or heredity, of biology, of any known scientific facts. At first examination it may even seem unfair. If it does, it is because you are thinking of this present life as we all do. Remember that we are immortal and while our mortal consciousness may not recall a previous existence that our immortal selves have experienced, Yet the continuity of the turning of the

Wheel of Life is a truth that must appeal to all who think deeply.

Revelations to come will reveal this truth more clearly. If you are inclined to reject this principle, reserve your judgment and spend some time thinking about it first. More knowledge will help you to understand.

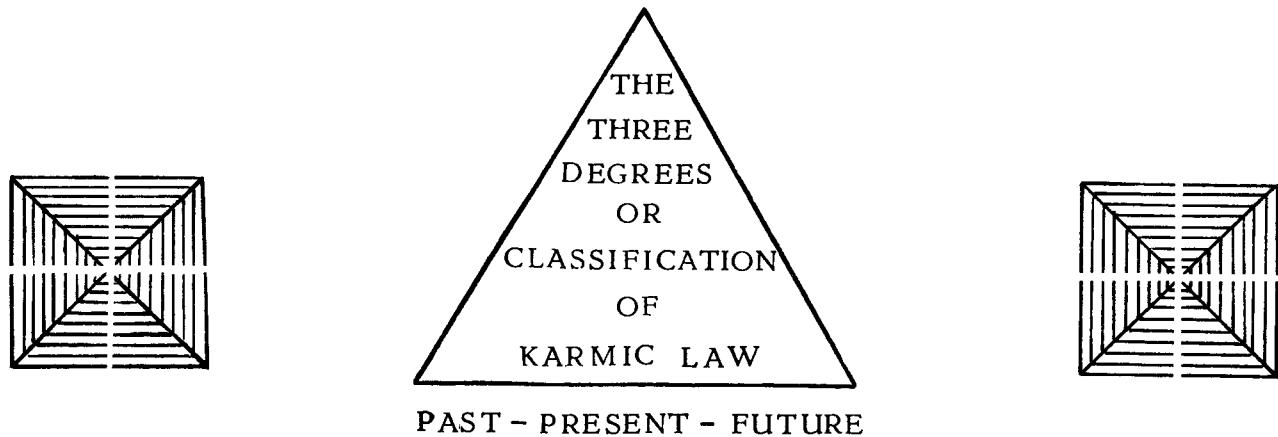
"Study well the Symbol of Being", said Itzamna. "It appears as a square but by its spinning it traces the circle, then a globe.

"Life dawns in the East like the Sunrise and is followed by dusk and the night of physical death just as surely as the shaft follows the arrowhead. And just as surely there dawns another day. Where and how we spend it we may decide but its tribulations and its pleasures are tempered by our actions of yesterday.

"There is no accident in the Sun's rising, nor is there chance in your present position. Therefore, bless thee thy God in thy actions now and He will surely bless thee who are a part of Him tomorrow."

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Thus, Beloved Companion, you begin to see the subtle processes through which the Great Laws of Nature, God or Karma, work.



Karma can be Sub-Divided into Three Important Classes, Types or Degrees Affecting the Four Departments of Your Being.



There is the Karma which has not begun to exert any influence over our lives due perhaps to other Karmic conditions. Physics can explain this truth. It is well known that two opposing forces incline to neutrality and that one force can often be strong enough to prevent for a time, the operation of the other. As in the realm of physics so in the mental, moral and spiritual spheres of human consciousness does this law prevail. The overwhelming influences of base desires or ambitions can often drown the still, small voice of conscience and inherent vanity; lust or prejudice can nullify a person's better judgment.

Even so, when the human ego finds the field of its earthly experience in a weak or mediocre personality, it furnishes but a weak focus for the play of Karmic law and thus the result of that personality from the spiritual standpoint is often limited. It is a well accepted truth in our philosophy that the personal man is given no greater Karma than he or she can safely bear. That is why it is that often great souls, geniuses, saints, philosophers and great leaders of mankind are often born under adverse conditions and pass through a life of intense feeling, sorrow or hardship. It is said that "seven cities claimed the mighty Homer dead through which the living Homer begged his bread." The presence of such unfavorable Karma (from the standpoint of the world) is a spiritual evidence that "to whom much is given, much will be expected." THE GREATER THE SOUL THE MORE DIFFICULT ITS INITIATIONS.

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The second classification of Karma has to do with the Karma which we are now creating by our thoughts and actions. This class of Karma will begin to operate in the future or perhaps in some future life when the appropriate conditions or the type of personal attitude and environment make it possible. Both the present life and future existences come under the sway of this type of Karma. Indeed, almost everyone has at some time or other come to a point in this present life wherein it seemed that one cycle of Being or experience came to an end with all previous causes being worked out and thus allowed new and unexpended Karma to operate. Individuals have suddenly had reversals of fortune or sudden changes in position, fame, wealth and even point of view, which apparently follow an influx of old or new Karma.

Napoleon I is an excellent example of this truth, for he rose to great fame and power and his shadow eclipsed Europe. Then, suddenly, he fell and died in exile and disgrace. To the thoughtful student, the value of understanding this class of Karma is such that he will govern his life so that no more evil Karma will be generated. It should be remembered, however, that old Karma generated through past acts and thoughts must be worked out. Those to whom this ancient scientific truth appeals will realize that there exists a scientific basis for the Golden Rule.

NO ACTION IS EVER LOST BUT IS INSCRIBED FOREVER ON
THE IMPERISHABLE RECORD OF THE HUMAN SOUL.

To do unto others as you yourself desire to have done unto you is at once the simplest and yet the profoundest truth of moral or spiritual science. All life is interrelated and bound up. The ONE LIFE is that expression of Nature of which we will learn more in future lessons. At present it suffices to state that there exist scientific laws behind the manifestation of the physical universe. We are "our brother's keeper" in that our personal attitude toward life, our actions and thoughts, add their sum-total to either the progress, joy, and happiness of all men or their misery, ignorance and poverty.

Even the thoughts you think may be borrowed thoughts! Have you ever considered that thought is itself a living substance or force that you merely use? YOUR THINKING GIVES TO ANY PARTICULAR THOUGHT A CERTAIN VITALITY OR POWER, AND YOU SEND IT FORTH TO INFLUENCE COUNTLESS OTHERS.

The tremendous possibilities of the power of human thought as taught in occult Mayanry tends to open a window in the darkness of our ignorance, allowing spiritual light to penetrate the blackness. One may illustrate the powerful thoughts of a great thinker as being like a large stone hurled into the middle of a pond. As the stone hits the water, ripples spread from the disturbance in all directions until the force is expended and the water is again calm. A deep study of the power of thought will convince the student that here we have the explanation for mass crazes, turbulent, war-like conditions among the peoples of a nation, and the varied interests of people. Let us realize that:

THE STRONGER THE THINKER, THE GREATER HIS PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR
THE EFFECTS OF HIS THOUGHT UPON OTHERS AND
THE HEAVIER HIS KARMA BECOMES

Realize, Beloved Companion, that YOU TOO are a co-creator with God. Realize that you have the tools of creation within yourself - powers of Mind, thought, action, emotion and desire which can aid in the creation of a happier, healthier and wealthier life than heretofore, or its exact opposite. CHOOSE WELL.



This third classification has to do with the Karma that is now producing results in your life. It is in force now due to causes set up by the ego in previous lives. This class of Karma works through the physical body, astral body and the family and racial tendencies. One is born into a certain family and racial environment because that environment tends to furnish the particular circumstances for the growth of the Soul and the working out of its Karma. It is from this Karma that the present personality, or the tendencies behind the moral, mental and physical man, arises - the material qualities, powers of sensation, ideas or powers of Mind, as well as the mental inclinations that produce the bundle of attributes, complexes, emotions, loves or hates, prejudices, vitality and instincts peculiar to any personality.

It was Shakespeare who wrote "all the world's a stage" for all men are actors on this Stage of Life whether they "act" in full consciousness of that truth or not. It is the immutable law of Karma that determines the nature of the part we must play and it is our duty to play that part well. Whether our part on the Stage of Life gives rise to feelings of inadequacy, anxiety, misery, resentment, hate and poverty or of harmony, beauty, joy, wealth, power, achievement and intelligence IS NO CONCERN OF THE GREAT LAW OF KARMA for it gives to each and every soul, with utter impartiality, the just reward for the part he played.

It is a curious truth that the term "personality" as applied to that non-eternal portion of man by which the world judges him, is derived from the Latin word Persona. In the ancient world, actors on the stage used a mask to represent the part they were playing. This mask was termed "persona". Thus, in the study of the root of a word do we get a hint of the fact that the personal man is but a mask of the real man, the actor on the Stage of Life.

It is difficult for people of the modern world to free their minds from the prepossessions into which education has led them to believe that man is bound by heredity, environment or perhaps some ancestral memory, transmitted

in some vague manner through the hormones, and so readily accept this ancient truth of Karmic law. Yet the great truth is that man is FREE - FREE TO DO AS HE PLEASES, PROVIDED HE ACCEPTS THE CONSEQUENCES.

However, when one becomes fully versed in the principles of this Mayan law of consequence, justice and equity, many of the so-called mysteries of Nature and the apparent injustices of life become clear. One then realizes that character is the mainspring behind events, rewards and punishments of our life. For it is Character alone that leads us on according to our experience to accept the conditions of life or to rebel against them.

An interesting side-light on the question of free-will is revealed in the letters published in a biography of the writer, John Galsworthy. Writing to Thomas Hardy, he says:

"Surely there never was any real antagonism between Free Will and Determinism. For what is Free Will but just a way of saying that until you have decided, you don't know in which way you were going to - were bound to - decide. And no matter how cosmically rhythmmed, rounded and determined all things are, no man can ever, in the nature of things, be deprived of his privileged ignorance of how he is going to act until he has acted, and so his Will shall always be perfectly free. And the Will of the man who says he is a fatalist is no more fettered than that of the man who abuses him for being one; neither of them knows absolutely whether he will move right or left until he has moved."

Thus the practical application of Karmic law is in line with plain common sense, for we learn not to abuse our God-given freedom of Will and Purpose and learn to work in harmony with the established laws of the physical, moral, mental and spiritual worlds.

He who would have the Universe favor him with its many blessings must ally himself with it and work for its truth and justice with all his heart and soul. This is the great truth behind the teaching "as you give, you shall receive." Remember that no action, however small, and no thought, is ever lost, for their consequences will eventually return. Cast your bread (efforts) upon the waters of life and it shall return with manifold blessings.

The doctrine of Karma is a doctrine of JOY and GLADNESS, of HOPE and of PROGRESS, of PEACE and LOVE. Its understanding brings self-reliance, for there is naught to fight your battles of life than the divine powers within. These powers bring real humility, for one glimpses the truth that we are servants of the Infinite Universe and that our task is co-operation with the ONE LIFE that ensouls all mankind. That life means action, not idleness; it means that by self-devised and self-directed efforts we can progress, grow, find happiness and realize our legitimate desires. Every effect is the result of a cause and every cause has its eventual effect.

Let us understand that there is no growth without effort or struggle, proper action and thought, and that lasting success depends upon our conscious good use of the eternal law of Karma - never by working against it. Use it we

must, for good or for evil, whether we Will it or not. IT IS THE LAW THAT GOVERNS FROM PAST TO PRESENT TO FUTURE - FOREVER.

It gives us FREEDOM, HEALTH and JOY, or the opposite of these according to what we DESERVE. It is a law that surpasses all man's futile laws; it requires no judge and jury or rules of evidence for it is God's law by which He rules All. The Consciousness of it is within ourselves; deep, deep within. Surely no more majestic conception of Law is possible than this all-permeating, omnipresent, omnipotent One law of Freedom - Freedom to do anything you choose, knowing that whatever you choose you will reap. Yes, my Beloved, this is a manly law, designed to develop the best in the soul who travels the Path that leads upwards.

With the understanding of this law comes an appreciation of the poet's dictum that self-respect, self-knowledge and self-control lead man to greater achievement, to SOVEREIGN POWER!

May God's Blessings be With Thee,

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In Revelation Number 24 we will further explore the study of Karmic law and will learn more of some important facts concerning your advancement and Rebirth. With Revelation Number 24 will also come a discussion of the 4th and 5th Degrees of Mayanry